

EXHIBIT A

The Honorable John C. Coughenour
The Honorable Marsha J. Pechman
The Honorable James L. Robart
Noted for Hearing: September 7, 2007
Without Oral Argument

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

AT SEATTLE

LUIS TORRES, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,	)	No. <u>C</u> 07-1121 JCC
)	
Plaintiff,	)	Hon. John C. Coughenour
)	
v.	)	ORDER (PROPOSED)
	)	GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' JOINT
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington	)	MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE
Corporation <u>corporation</u>,	)	RELATED CASES PURSUANT
	)	TO FED.R.CIV.P. 42(a) ; APPOINT
Defendant.	)	INTERIM CLASS COUNSEL
	)	PURSUANT TO FED.R.CIV.P
	)	23(g)(2) ; APPROVE PLAINTIFFS'
	)	PROPOSED LEADERSHIP
)	STRUCTURE; AND SCHEDULE
)	THE FILING OF PLAINTIFFS'
)	CONSOLIDATED COMPLAINT
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STEVE CARLIE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,)	No. <u>C</u> 07- CV -1132 CMP <u>MJP</u>
)	
Plaintiff,	)	Hon. Marsha J. Pechman
)	

v.)
)
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington)
~~Corporation~~corporation,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

CHRISTINE MOSKOWITZ and DAVID)
WOOD, individually and on behalf of all others)
similarly situated,)
)
~~Plaintiffs,~~)
Plaintiff,)
_____)

No. C07-~~CV~~-1270 JCC

~~Hon. John C. Coughenour~~

v.)
)
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington)
~~Corporation~~corporation,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

HEIDI LING, as parent and natural guardian of)
ROBERT LING, III, individually and on behalf)
of all others similarly situated,)
)
Plaintiff,)
_____)

No. C07-~~CV~~-1271 JLR

~~Hon. James L. Robart~~

v.)
)
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington)
~~Corporation~~corporation,)
)
Defendant.)
_____)

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JUSTIN HANSON, individually and on behalf of)
all others similarly situated,)
)
Plaintiff,)
_____)

No. C07-~~CV~~-1295 JLR

~~Hon. James L. Robart~~

v.)
)
MICROSOFT CORPORATION, a Washington)
~~Corporation~~corporation,)
_____)

Defendant. _____)

THIS MATTER having come on before the above-entitled Court and the Court having reviewed the files and records herein and being fully apprised in the premises, now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that there are five related putative class action lawsuits (the “Actions”) presently pending before this Court:

Torres v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1121	7/18/2007	Hon. John C. Coughenour
Hanson v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1295	08/20/2007	Hon. James L. Robart
Carlie v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1132	7/19/2007	Hon. Marsha J. Pechman
Moskowitz v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1270	8/14/2007	Hon. John C. Coughenour
Ling v. Microsoft Corp.	07-CV-1271	8/14/2007	Hon. James L. Robart
<u>Hanson v. Microsoft Corp.</u>	<u>07-CV-1295</u>	<u>08/20/2007</u>	<u>Hon. James L. Robart</u>

~~All~~ Plaintiffs in all five of these putative class action lawsuits seek to represent substantially the same proposed class of people for essentially the same claims. ~~The five~~ putative class action lawsuits are based on similar factual allegations and are asserted against the same defendant, Microsoft Corporation. Through the present motion, the plaintiffs in these actions, Luis Torres, Steve Carlie, Christine Moskowitz, David Wood, Heidi Ling, and Justin Hanson (collectively, “Plaintiffs”), jointly seek to have their separate actions consolidated pursuant to Rule 42(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

~~FURTHERMORE~~ IT IS ~~HEREBY~~ FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that

(1) The five causes of action listed above are hereby consolidated for all purposes pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 42(a) under United States District Court Western District of Washington at Seattle Master Cause No. _____. Every pleading filed in the consolidated action shall bear only that cause number, and the files of these consolidated actions shall be maintained in one file under Master Cause No. _____;

(2) ~~The~~ Without prejudging the propriety of class certification, the Court hereby appoints the following firms ~~are hereby appointed as~~ interim class counsel pursuant to ~~FED.R.CIV.P.~~ Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 23(g)(2);

- (a) Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio;
- (b) Chitwood, Harley, Haynes LLP
- (c) Wasserman, Comden & Casselman, LLP;
- (d) Keller Rohrback, L.L.P.;
- (e) Kabateck Brown Kellner LLP;
- (f) The Hodkin Kopelowitz Ostrow Firm, PA; and
- (g) Krause Kalfayan Benink & Slavens, LLP.

(3) The leadership structure proposed by Plaintiffs is hereby approved as follows:

Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel

Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio;

Co-Lead Plaintiffs' Counsel

Chitwood Harley Harnes, LLP; and

Hodkin Kopelowitz Ostrow Firm, PA;

Executive Committee -

Stritmatter Kessler Whelan Coluccio;

Chitwood Harley Harnes, LLP;

Hodkin Kopelowitz Ostrow Firm, PA;

Kabateck Brown Kellner, LLP;

Keller Rohrback, LLP;

Krause Kalfayan Benink and Slavens, LLP; and

Wasserman Comden & Casselman, LLC.

(4) Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall be responsible for communications with Defendant's counsel, so that Defendant's counsel's communications to Plaintiffs' Liaison Counsel shall be deemed for all purposes as having been conveyed to all Plaintiffs' counsel listed in this Order.

(5) Any subsequently filed ~~Complaints~~complaints asserting similar claims shall be consolidated herewith for all purposes and subject to this Order.

(~~5~~6) Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint shall be filed and served no later than ~~two weeks~~fourteen (14) days from the date the court enters this Order.

(7) Defendant's response to Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint shall be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the filing and service of Plaintiffs' Consolidated Complaint.

DATED THIS ____ day of _____, 2007.

HONORABLE _____

United States District Judge